



Overdrive

April 2012 Official Newsletter of the Central Indiana Austin-Healey Club

From the President:

By Jim Frakes

Spring's long awaited arrival is here. Our flowers and trees are blooming, the weather has been nearly fantastic, and Easter is upon us. In this time of beautiful flowers and trees, sadly we felt the loss of long time Northern Indiana Club member, Nancy Summers. Bob and Melanie Haskell, Ron Francis, Jo Switzer and I traveled to Michigan City for her services.

Spring always brings us to the Healey driving season and thoughts turn to what do we have left to complete to get the Healey ready for upcoming events. Spring Tune-up at the Haskell's is just around the corner on April 28th. This is a very good time to drive the car, bring it to the Haskell's and have some help in checking it out.

Club members working on their cars include Dave Morrison working feverishly to get the BJ8 on the road in time for Conclave. It is a daunting task in such a short time, to bring it back up from a complete rebuild, even a new frame. Bob Haskell and I have been helping the

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Coming Events:

The next business meeting will be April 12th at George's Neighborhood Grille at 6935 Lake Plaza Drive (near 71st Street and US 37) 317-577-1600



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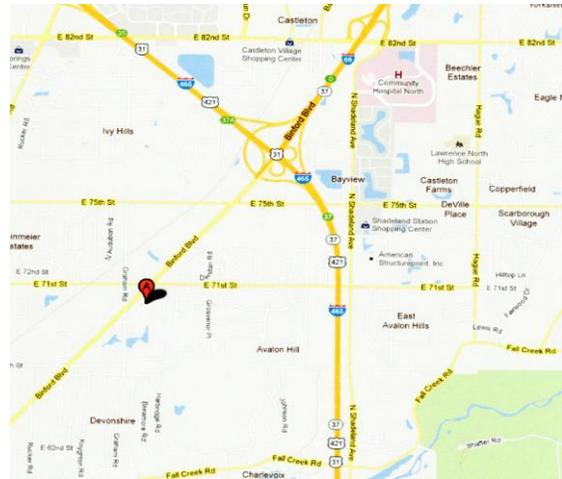
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Indiana British Car Union

<http://www.ibcu.org>

Marque Matters Blog

<http://www.marquematters.blogs.com/>

AH Club of America

<http://www.healeyclub.org/>

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Watson's complete a list of items on their BT7. My BJ8 has been getting a multitude of small items taken care of. Hopefully it will be on the road in time for the Spring Tune-up. Last month's story on Doug Bruce Bugeye Race car certainly tells the story of a lot of work to get the race car ready for the season.

The Spring AHCA President's planning meeting was held in March in Elmhurst IL, a suburb of Chicago. It is always an intensive session which brings together the Officers and Past Presidents to review the previous year and plan for the upcoming year(s). Yes, years. Planning for Conclaves 2014 and 2015 were discussed and are pretty much set. Jo Switzer and Jim Frakes were present with Jim Switzer helping with arrangements. Jim and Jo had already been there for a business show all week prior to the meeting.

Mahnensmith's are too busy working overtime at GM Ft Wayne for the launch of the new pick-up and will not be able to have their Spring Tune-up this year. Although we will miss it, we are certainly glad to hear the GM plant is humming along well.

May in Indy, means the Indy 500. I would encourage you to think about the opening day at the track. The Classic car Show is in the infield as it was last year and the price of admission is \$10 per person. If it is anything like last year, it is one you do not want to miss. To view a video of last year;

www.Indianapolismotorspeedway.com/indy500/eventinfo/35391-schedule/ - scroll down to 2nd Annual Celebration of Automobiles.

Indiana British Car Union's annual London to Brighton run will be on July 21st. We hope you can put this on your calendar as the Central Indiana club will be the sponsor. Dick Storrs has made a route that will be a fun run, with lunch along the way, driving through some interesting Indiana roads. It is not a rally, but there will be some questions as we travel through towns. The entire run will be about three hours.

March 8, 2011 Business Meeting at Squealers Barbeque By Bob Haskell, secretary

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Melanie Haskell. The VP has a new duty - call the President to remind him when the meetings are. Jim was babysitting.

Attending the meeting were: Mike Arnett (Korner Garage), Roy Bowman, David Broyles, Dick and Ruth Buis (go Purdue!), Jim and Sandy Burck (go IU!), Bob and Melanie Haskell, Paul Imel, David Morrison and Bonnie Stahlecker, Rick Smith (Korner Garage), Craig and Sue Rice, Norm and Suzy Schoppenhorst, Dick Storrs, Jo Switzer (go IU!), Bruce and Barbara Watson, and Don Yost.

The January business meeting minutes were accepted as published in the March issue of Overdrive.

Craig Rice, Treasurer/Membership, reported membership at 56.

Meeting Location Discussion:

Melanie Haskell reported that most restaurants that we've held meetings at are now charging a fee to reserve a room. Squealer's does not charge, but it would be nice to have a meeting location on the south side too.

Suggested locations:

- David Broyles: the Rathskeller in downtown Indy.
- Rick Smith: George's Bar and Grill at 71st and Bindford. The Jaguar Club meets there.
- Ruth Buis: The Patriots' Table Restaurant and Creamery at Madison and County Line in Greenwood - excellent ice cream shop, but no liquor license (church next door). Ruth will let us know if the church moves.

Melanie will get in touch with each restaurant.

Events for the year:

Melanie reviewed the calendar for the first half of the year with the following updates:

April 12th business meeting - location to be determined.

NEW Event - on July 21st: Indiana British Car Union's (IBCU) London to Brighton Run hosted this year by the CIAHC (that's us). So far it is being planned by Dick Storrs and Jim Frakes. A brochure will follow soon. Dick has a preliminary route of around 85-90 miles, a bit over 3 hours duration, and with a stop for lunch during the rally. This will probably be an "observation rally" - you answer questions about things the Rally Master believes you saw along the route. We will need some

additional help from club members - doing check runs and staffing check points.

Note that this is the same weekend that the Switzers are planning a joint event with the Illini Club. Maybe they could come to Indy?

NEW Date: August 11th: Rick Smith reported that the IBCU's British Motor Days will return to Zionsville. The featured marque is the Triumph Spitfire (50th year).

September Roundup: Jim Frakes said he has all the information needed to do the registration form.

Roy Bowman explained the work done so far to find a location for the car show. He believes that the location of car show should be connected to the theme - Rolling Art and Architecture.

- There will be a large car show (Hot Rods and Rock & Roll) on Washington Street and side streets Saturday afternoon, but we don't anticipate a conflict with our morning Popularity Car Show.
- Mill Race Park is not available - community rummage sale.
- Mill Race Center charges an hourly fee that is prohibitive.
- Farmer's Market (8:00 – 12:00) at Cummins' Corporate Office Building parking lot. Roy has talked to the lady in charge of the Farmer's Market and she is very interested in including our show with the Market. She has a meeting with Cummins to discuss this year's events and will be back in touch.
- Another option is a site near the Visitor Center.
- A couple of other potential sites are located north of downtown: Columbus Learning Center and the Atterbury Bakalar Air Museum, but the consensus of the committee is for a downtown location.

Roy also gave some info on the Miller House which is owned by the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Tours are limited to 12 people / tour - 2 tours a day.

Charlie Lownsdale offered to bring the pinewood derby track. Jim Frakes will follow up. The ladies voted to not have a tea. David Broyles agreed to do the auction.

Technical:

David Broyles brought a full size wooden model of the front, left-hand, corner of a big Healey chassis with the front A-arm assembly and anti-roll bar that he put together to display his tow bracket and tow/lamp bracket. Both brackets mount to the in-board threaded tubes that the bumper brackets use on the out-board side of

the main frame rails (got to be a better description). The brackets are zinc phosphate coated and then powder coated in several different colors. The tow brackets will probably sell for ~\$120 per pair.

Calendar

April:

- 12th – Business meeting
- 28th – Spring Clean Up at Haskell's in Zionsville

May:

- 10th – Business meeting
- TBA – Spring Rally??
- 27th – Indy 500 Party – TBA

June:

- TBA – British Bash
- 14th Business meeting
- 17th – 21st: Conclave in Louisville – suggest we drive down on the Saturday, the 16th, in order to be settled in ahead of the Churchill Downs kickoff at 12:00 on Sunday.

July:

- 12th – Business Meeting
- 21st – London to Brighton Run hosted by CIAHC

August:

- 9th – Business meeting
- 11th – British Car Motor Days
- 25th:- Carmel Artmobile
- 26th - Annual Ice Cream Social.

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- 6th (?) – Business meeting
- 8th – Northern Indiana AHC British Car Open Field Day
- 13th -16th – September Roundup in Columbus, Indiana – hosted by CIAHC

October:

- 6th – Northern Indiana Lakes British Motor Club “Fall Out 2012” at Winona Lake
- 27th – Halloween Party and business meeting

November:

- 8th – Business meeting

December:

- 1st – Christmas Party in Noblesville



Okay, it's not a Healey, but it was spectacular!

By Bruce Gilham

Last week I spotted this "5303 Corvette" parked at a Piggly Wiggly in Charleston, South Carolina. From what I learned later from the Internet, all it takes is a donor C5 Corvette convertible and a lot of money. Around 200 vehicles have been converted to a pseudo '53 Vette by Advanced Technologies.